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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commander's Safety Philosophy

1. Taking Care of Soldiers and Civilians is one of our top priorities, and risk management in all we do is a critical part of realizing this priority. Nothing we do in training is worth injury, loss of life or destruction of military equipment. I expect all leaders to protect the personnel and equipment entrusted to their care. Leaders of this Brigade are responsible for the safety of their subordinates and we should accept nothing less.

2. There are four critical elements to the success of our unit Safety Program.

Leadership. Engaged Leaders will invariably help reduce/prevent accidents. Things get checked when leaders are present. This is a proactive approach to training and readiness. Be present, check to ensure conditions are set and risks are being mitigated.

Standards. I expect each individual to take responsibility for enforcing standards as we accomplish our mission. Performing to standard means, being trained, certified, using the right tools, taking the correct amount of time, and accomplishing the necessary documentation of the task performed. Standards are a part of another critical element.... discipline.

Discipline. This means doing the right things, to standard, consistently even when no one is looking. There is no room for indiscipline on our team and I will not tolerate soldiers or civilians who jeopardize safety through undisciplined behavior. You shouldn't tolerate it, either. Remember, injuries and accidents that occur after duty will impact our team just as much as those that occur at the workplace.

Training. Proper training is paramount to an effective safety program. We will train our Soldiers to the standard and follow the procedures necessary to identify risks and mitigate risks accordingly. Risk management is a continuous process: identify and assess hazards, take steps to develop and implement controls, and ensure that proper supervision and evaluation are provided. A thorough risk management process means applying common sense and good judgment to every mission.

3. My door is always open for ideas and suggestions to help us reduce risks to our Soldiers.

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